



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

MEETING DATE: October 2, 1996

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Warner present a proclamation proclaiming the month of October, 1996 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Mayor Warner has been requested to present a proclamation proclaiming the month of October, 1996 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Lodi. Lois Borchart with the Women's Center will be present to accept the proclamation.

FUNDING: None required.


Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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Proclamation
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Whereas:

Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, and sexes;

Whereas:

The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse;

Whereas:

The Women's Center of San Joaquin County has provided shelter for 536 women and children escaping violence in 1995-96 and the Lodi office of the Women's Center has served 226 new victims;

Whereas:

Children who grow up in violent homes are abused and neglected at a rate 1500% higher than the national average;

Whereas:

Domestic violence costs the nation between \$5 billion and \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity;

Whereas:

Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime;

Now, Therefore:

I, Mayor of the City of Lodi do hereby proclaim the month of October 1996 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to participate actively in programs and to work toward the elimination of violence in families and the City of Lodi.

Women Ctr. Coordinator
Lois Borchart